

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
MIDLAND/ODESSA DIVISION**

**STATE OF TEXAS A.G.'S OFFICE,**  
*Plaintiff,*

**v.**

**SECRETARY DEB HAALAND, U.S. FISH  
AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, DIRECTOR  
MARTHA WILLIAMS, U.S.  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,**  
*Defendants.*

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**Case No. MO:24-CV-00233-DC**

**ADVISORY TO THE CLERK OF COURT**

The undersigned party in the above-captioned case elects as follows (please select only one of the following options):

- ☐ I CONSENT to proceed before a United States Magistrate Judge in accordance with provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 636. The undersigned party in the above-captioned case waives the right to proceed before a United States District Judge and consents to have a United States Magistrate Judge conduct any and all further proceedings in this case, including rendering a decision, and to order the entry of final judgment. Any appeal shall be taken to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(c)(3).
- ☒ I DO NOT CONSENT to proceed before a United States Magistrate Judge. The undersigned party in the above-captioned case elects not to have this case decided by a United States Magistrate Judge and prefer that this case proceed before the District Judge.

Party or Party Represented

Signature of Party or Party's Attorney

Date

State of Texas

/s/ Clayton Smith

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